

## **2005 NOVA Award Nomination Forms Released**

February 11, 2005 (TIMMINS). The Timmins Chamber of Commerce Nova Awards committee released its Nomination Forms for the 2005 Nova Business Excellence Awards today. Forms will go out via Canada Post to all 1500 business addresses in Timmins.

Chamber President Dave Roberts announced that this year's event will continue the tradition of style and energy that has characterized the gala event since it was first held. "Our Awards Night is well known for its distinctive ambience and upscale theme. This year we've got a fantastic new location, and we're really looking forward to what's shaping up to be the best Nova Awards night yet".

The Nova Awards were established in 2003 as a means of recognizing the accomplishments of Timmins area businesses. The ten Nova Awards categories include Business of the Year for small, medium and large firms, Community Involvement, Marketing Innovation, Lifelong Learning, Youth Entrepreneur, New Business and Customer Service Excellence. "We've added a new award this year for Non-Profit Organizations, in order to recognize their achievements too", commented Kari Richer, Nova Committee Co-chair.

Richer urges all businesses to get involved in the nomination process. "The forms are relatively fast and easy to fill out and don't require detailed information like financial statements or performance measures," she stated. Past winners have been nominated by customers, colleagues, employees, and by the business owners themselves.

Nominations will be accepted until March 11, 2005. The category winners will be announced during a gala Awards ceremony on April 20. For nomination forms, call the Chamber office at 360-1900, or download the nomination form.